

LETTER  
FROM  
THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

TRANSMITTING,

*In response to Senate resolution of January 25, 1886, copy of Special Order No. 89, relative to the muster-out of certain troops.*

FEBRUARY 1, 1886.—Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
*Washington City, January 28, 1886.*

The Secretary of War has the honor to transmit to the United States Senate, in response to its resolution of the 25th instant, a copy, duly authenticated under the seal of the Department, of Special Orders No. 89, Headquarters Department of Texas, dated April 28, 1866.

WM. C. ENDICOTT,  
*Secretary of War.*

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
*Washington City, January 27, 1886.*

Pursuant to section 882 of the Revised Statutes, I hereby certify that it appears from the records of the Adjutant-General's Office that the annexed is a true copy of order filed therein.

R. C. DRUM,  
*Adjutant-General.*

Be it known that R. C. Drum, who signed the foregoing certificate, is the Adjutant-General of the Army of the United States, and that to his attestation as such full faith and credit are and ought to be given.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the War Department to be affixed, on this 28th day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

[SEAL.]

WM. C. ENDICOTT,  
*Secretary of War.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,  
*Galveston, Tex., April 28, 1866.*

SPECIAL ORDERS, }  
No. 89. }

I. The following organizations will be at once mustered out of the service of the United States: Twelfth Illinois Cavalry, Thirty-seventh Illinois Infantry, Third Michigan Infantry, Fourth Michigan Infantry, Eighteenth New York Cavalry, Fourth Wisconsin Cavalry, First Company Pontoniers.

The musters-out will be in conformity with the provisions of General Orders, No. 94, War Department series of 1865, and will include the entire organizations, present and absent. Reports will be made by the respective district commanders showing, for each organization, the number of officers and of enlisted men present and the number of each absent, and the assistant commissaries of musters will make the usual reports required of them.

All officers and enlisted men on detached service, belonging to the foregoing commands, will at once rejoin them.

The organizations will, under instructions from their respective district commanders, assemble for muster-out as follows, and the assembling will be so ordered as to bring the detached companies of each regiment to its rendezvous at the same time:

At Houston: Fourth Michigan Infantry, Thirty-seventh Illinois Infantry, Twelfth Illinois Cavalry.

At Victoria: Eighteenth New York Cavalry, Third Michigan Infantry.

At Brownsville: Fourth Wisconsin Cavalry, Pontoniers.

The horses of that portion of the Eighteenth New York Cavalry at and near San Antonio will be turned in at that place. With this exception all public property in the possession of these troops will be turned over to the proper staff officers at their respective places of rendezvous. This will not be understood to interfere with orders now existing in relation to arms and equipments.

The troops in the eastern and central districts will, on being mustered out, be put en route to their respective State rendezvous by orders from these headquarters; those in the district of the Rio Grande by orders from the district commander who will direct compliance on the part of the commanding officers of the latter with General Orders, No. 30, Headquarters Military Division of the Gulf, and General Orders, No. 17, from these headquarters, series of 1865.

The Quartermaster's Department will furnish the necessary transportation.

II. The Quartermaster's Department will furnish transportation from this point to New York City to Acting Surgeon Charles H. Rowe, U. S. Army.

III. The Quartermaster's Department will dispose of the horses of the Twelfth Illinois, Eighteenth New York, and Fourth Wisconsin Cavalry Regiments as follows: The serviceable horses of the first two will be turned over to the Fourth and Sixth United States Cavalry, and the remainder will be sold.

A sufficient number of the serviceable horses of the Fourth Wisconsin to mount two companies of cavalry will be retained; the remainder will be sold.

IV. Bvt. Lieut. Col. E. C. Mason, Seventeenth United States Infantry, will assume command of the post of Galveston, reporting by letter to Lieut. Col. E. H. Powell, commanding eastern district, at Houston.

By command of Major-General Wright:

R. F. HALSTED,

*Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel, Acting Assistant Adjutant-General.*